



State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations
GUBERNATORIAL PROCLAMATION

Women in Construction Week

WHEREAS, the National Association of Women in Construction originally began as Women in Construction of Fort Worth, Texas; and

WHEREAS, the founders organized the National Association of Women in Construction to create a support network, and Women in Construction of Fort Worth was so successful that it gained its national charter in 1955 and became the National Association of Women in Construction; and

WHEREAS, the National Association of Women in Construction has a diverse membership and more than 150 chapters, with chapters in almost every U.S. state; and

WHEREAS, the National Association of Women in Construction has advanced the causes of women in construction, from tradeswomen to business owners; and

WHEREAS, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, women comprise about 9 percent of the construction workforce today; and

WHEREAS, as of December 31, 2010, an average of 807,000 women were employed in various occupation sectors of the construction industry; and

WHEREAS, since its founding, the National Association of Women in Construction Founders' Scholarship Foundation and National Association of Women in Construction chapters nationwide have awarded more than \$4 million in scholarships to students pursuing construction-related studies; and


WHEREAS, the efforts made by the National Association of Women in Construction Number 1 of Rhode Island, Chapter #52 in attracting women to the construction industry has promoted the growth and development of new, viable women owned businesses throughout Rhode Island and its neighboring states; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Lincoln D. Chafee, Governor of the State of Rhode Island, do hereby proclaim March 4-10, 2012 to be Women in Construction Week in Rhode Island, and encourage all residents to recognize the importance of this week.




A. Ralph Mollis
Secretary of State

Given under my hand and the great
seal of the State of Rhode Island
and Providence Plantations,
this 5th day of March, 2012


Lincoln D. Chafee
Governor